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SUBJ: VISIT TO SWEDEN OF SAUDI ARABIA'S STATE MINISTER
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAYYED OMAR SAQQAF

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOREIGN MINISTER OF
SAUDI ARABIA SAYYED OMAR SAQQAF VISITED SWEDEN 21-23
AUGUST AND MET WITH SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN
ANDERSSON AND OTHER MINISTRY OFFICER. AT CLOSE OF
VISIT, A PRESS COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED. FULL TEXT OF
SUBSTANCE FOLLOWS:

A. REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST THE
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TWO MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE FOR A JUST, PEACEFUL

AND PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS. THEY EMPHASIZED THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE INADMISSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING FOREIGN TERRITORIES BY MILITARY FORCE.

B. THE TWO MINISTERS ALLUDING TO THE HAPPILY EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF FULL COOPERATION BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND SWEDEN IN THE ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS.

C. IT WAS AGREED BETWEEN THE TWO MINISTERS THAT A JOINT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD STUDY THE POSSIBILITIES TO FORMULATE AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AS WELL AS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

D. HIS EXCELLENCY THE SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTER EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO HIS COLLEAGUE THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SWEDEN SVEN ANDERSSON TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AT A MUTUALLY AGREED TIME. THIS INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH APPRECIATION. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. ACCORDING TO A. EDELSTAM OF MFA POLITICAL OFFICE, THE SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT WAS INTENDED TO CONCLUDE A SERIES OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS. PRESS COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT PLANNED BUT FORCED ON SWEDES BY SAQQAF WHO PULLED OUT PROPOSED TEXT JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE TO AIRPORT. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCE, MFA STAFF DUSTED OFF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT TIME LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER VISITED SWEDEN AND ABOVE STATEMENT REPORTEDLY FOLLOWS SIMILAR LINE. EDELSTAM COMMENTED FURTHER THAT COMMUNIQUE WILL ANNOY ISRAELIS. SAUDIS WORE THEIR DESERT ROBES DURING ALL OF PROGRAMMED EVENTS. THEY WERE LOGGED AT HAGA FOR SECURITY REASONS BUT HUSTLED INTO TOWN IN WESTERN CLOTHES TO ENJOY THEMSELVES AT THE HOTEL SHERATON. ANOTHER MFA OFFICER SAID THAT ONLY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WAS SOUGHT BY SAUDIS BUT IT MAY EVENTUALLY LEAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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